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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Federal Aviation Administration** 

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2017-1187; Airspace Docket No. 17-AGL-25]

**RIN 2120-AA66** 

Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace and Revocation of Class E Airspace; Jackson,

MI

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action modifies Class D airspace, Class E airspace designated as a surface area, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface, and removes Class E airspace designated as an extension to Class D or Class E surface area at Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field, Jackson MI. This action is due to the decommissioning of the Jackson VHF omnidirectional range (VOR), which provided navigation guidance for the instrument procedures to this airport. The VOR is being decommissioned as part of the VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) Program. The name and the geographic coordinates of the airport are also updated to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database. Additionally, this action makes an editorial change to the airspace legal descriptions replacing "Airport/Facility Directory" with the term "Chart Supplement."

**DATES:** Effective 0901 UTC, February 28, 2019. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under Title 1 Code of Federal Regulations part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order 7400.11C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and

subsequent amendments can be viewed online at http://www.faa.gov/air\_traffic/publications/.

For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation

Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records

Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11C at NARA, call (202) 741-6030, or go to https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeffrey Claypool, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Central Service Center, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177; telephone (817) 222-5711.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## **Authority for this Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it amends Class D airspace, Class E airspace designated as a surface area, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface, and removes Class E airspace designated as an extension to Class D or Class E surface area at Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field, Jackson MI to support instrument flight rules (IFR) operations at this airport.

# **History**

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the FEDERAL REGISTER (83 FR 19987; May 7, 2018) for Docket No. FAA-2017-1187 to amend Class D airspace, Class E airspace designated as a surface area, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface, and remove Class E airspace designated as an extension to Class D or Class E surface area at Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field, Jackson MI. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Class D and E airspace designations are published in paragraph 5000, 6002, 6004, and 6005 of FAA Order 7400.11C, dated August 13, 2018, and effective September 15, 2018, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D and E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

# Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 13, 2018, and effective September 15, 2018. FAA Order 7400.11C is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11C lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

#### The Rule

This amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71:

Modifies the Class D airspace at Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field, Jackson, MI, by updating the geographic coordinates of the airport to coincide with the FAA's aeronautic database and makes an editorial change to the airspace legal description replacing "Airport/Facility Directory" with the term "Chart Supplement";

Modifies the Class E airspace designated as a surface area at Jackson County Airport-

Reynolds Field (formerly Jackson County-Reynolds Field) by removing all airspace extensions from the 4-mile radius in the airspace legal description, updates the name and geographic coordinates of the airport to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database, and makes an editorial change to the airspace legal description replacing "Airport/Facility Directory" with the term "Chart Supplement";

Removes the Class E airspace designated as an extension to Class D or Class E airspace designated as a surface area at Jackson County-Reynolds Field, MI, as it is no longer required; and

Modifies the Class E airspace area extending upward from 700 feet above the surface to within a 6.5-mile radius (decreased from a 7-mile radius) of Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field (formerly Jackson County-Reynolds Field), removes the Jackson VOR/DME from the airspace legal description, and updates the name and geographic coordinates to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database.

Airspace reconfiguration is necessary due to the decommissioning of the Jackson VOR, which provided navigation guidance for the instrument procedures to this airport, as part of the VOR MON Program and to bring the airspace in compliance with FAA Order 7400.2L, Procedures for Handling Airspace Matters. This action enhances safety and the management of IFR operations at this airport.

## **Regulatory Notices and Analyses**

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034;

February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

#### **Environmental Review**

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5-6.5.a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

## Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

# **Adoption of the Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

# PART 71 --DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

#### § 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 13, 2018, and effective September 15, 2018, is

amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000. Class D Airspace.

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## AGL MID Jackson, MI [Amended]

Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field, MI (lat. 42°15'38"N., long. 84°27'44"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,500 feet MSL within a 4-mile radius of Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6002. Class E Airspace Areas Designated as Surface Areas.

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# AGL MIE2 Jackson, MI [Amended]

Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field, MI (lat. 42°15'38"N., long. 84°27'44"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,500 feet MSL within a 4-mile radius of Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6004. Class E Airspace Designates as an Extension to Class D and Class E Surface

Areas.

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#### AGL MIE4 Jackson, MI [Removed]

Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the

Surface of the Earth.

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#### AGL MIE5 Jackson, MI [Amended]

Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field, MI (lat. 42°15'38"N., long. 84°27'44"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field.

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